

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

By Casada

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joe Sweeney on the occasion of his retirement from the Brentwood City Commission.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sweeney is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-eight years as a member of the Brentwood City Commission; and

WHEREAS, a visionary leader who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Mr. Sweeney will be taking a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, known as the heart and soul of Brentwood, Joe Sweeney is the longest-tenured member of the Brentwood City Commission and has dedicated his life to the growth and management of his beloved city; and

WHEREAS, born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Mr. Sweeney earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and proudly served as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-four years, Mr. Sweeney served with acumen and alacrity in retail management for the Shell Oil Company, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sweeney was first elected to the Brentwood City Commission in 1972, and, because of his proven devotion to public service, his fellow commissioners elected him Mayor six times; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and conscientious civic leader, Mr. Sweeney has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous worthy organizations, including serving as President of the Carondelet Civic Association, founder and

President of the Dolphin Swim Club, founding member of Holy Family Catholic Church, member of the YMCA, and member of the Brentwood Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney has also lent his time and tremendous talents to a number of boards and committees, including serving as Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Chairman of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, Vice-Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority, and member and of the Brentwood Library Board; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Joe Sweeney is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his beloved wife of fifty-four years, Maureen, their wonderful five children, and twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure, Joe Sweeney demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Joe Sweeney for his many years of honorable and astute service on the Brentwood City Commission, offer our gratitude for the many significant and meritorious contributions he has made to this great State, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.